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S.B. No. 521

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the offense of funeral service disruption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 42.055(b), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A person commits an offense if, during the period beginning one hour before the service begins and ending one hour after the service is completed, the person engages in picketing within 1,000 ~~[500]~~ feet of a facility or cemetery being used for a funeral service.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For the purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.